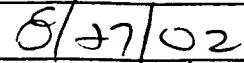


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<b>RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT</b>			
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 30, 2002. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1, 4, 7, and 23-37, drawn to a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease state;
- Group II: Claims 2-3, 5-6, drawn to a method of modulating the activity of a chemokine or chemokine receptor in host;
- Group III: Claims 8-22, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition; and
- Group IV: Claim 38, a method of treating a disease.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1, 4, 7 and 23-37 with traverse, and elect neoabietic acid and multiple sclerosis for species with traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815.

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